

TOWN OF AMENIA
Business Workshop Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2008 – 7:00 pm
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Business Workshop Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
Councilwoman Perotti
Councilwoman Doyle
Councilman Cayea
Supervisor Euvrard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Werner suggested that the Amenia Planning Board review applicants of Conservation Groups with horses on properties as hobbies. State Agricultural and Marketing farm category requires that horses are commercial-breeding stock.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Grant Update

Mike Hagerty announced that NYS Archives Grant has been submitted in the amount of \$7,060 for purchase of scanner and clerical assistance for digital imaging of minutes.

Application has been prepared for a \$10,000 grant to the Hudson River Valley Greenway – Phase I of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension.

Highway Department

Stanley Whitehead submitted bids for 2008 Motor Grader:
Tyler Equipment \$134,482.00 Nortrax \$139,200.00 with option for warranties.

Town Clerk

Maureen Bonds reported that Town Clerk's office will be closed on Feb 18, 19, & 20 for attendance of Association of Towns Seminar-NYC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom Werner – Recreation Chair announced Easter Egg Hunt on March 15th at Amenia Fish & Game Club.

Summer Recreation Program schedule will be announced soon.

Interviews for two open positions will be held on February 27th.

OTHER BUSINESS

New Horizons Resources, Inc - Supervisor Euvrard will approve site recommended for Group Home at 3509 Route 22 Amenia.

Library/Town Parking Lot Agreement is being reviewed by Michael Hayes, Town Attorney.

Tax Exempt 485B to promote new business incentives. To be discussed further by Town Board.

Professional Computer Associates contract agreement and Planning Board Draft Subdivision Regulations have been forwarded to Michael Hayes, Town Attorney for review.

Town Calendar – Judy Carlson announced that calendar has been distributed to local businesses, banks, and post offices. She is working with Arlene Iuliano and Maureen Bonds to coordinate monthly activities.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Cayea submitted Board of Ethics Committee members and expiration of terms:

G.A. Mudge – Chairman	12/31/2010
Gilbert Jobe	12/31/2008
Jeanne Schwager	12/31/2012
Judy Carlson	12/31/2011
Charlotte Murphy	12/31/2011

Councilwoman Doyle announced that theme for flowers in barrels will be red and yellow this year.

Tentative Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 12th.

Borden Park bids for improvement to pocket park have been received. To be awarded in Spring.

Sign-up sheets are available for people to express their displeasure for lack of news coverage from Cablevision WRGB Ch 6.

Councilman Pelkey announced that he will be attending Inter-municipal agreement meeting

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Dutchess County Office of the Aging Senior Picnic is scheduled for Wed, Sept 10th. Cost: \$3.75.

Internal Audits have been completed by Town Board members and now working on State Comptroller's Annual Report.

Public Hearing for Cablevision Franchise Agreement will continue on February 21, 2008.

Purchase of property (2.04 acres) next to Old Amenia Landfill has been finalized.

Water Meter contract is being reviewed with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, and Gary Bonds, Water Treatment Operator

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Nelligan suggested that public hearings continue be held at town facility, and not at development site, making reference to Silo Ridge project.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti to ADJOURN meeting at 7:55pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

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